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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 6, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

Claim 2 (Amended). The method of claim 1, wherein selective ones of the routers comprise those routers directly connected to at least one of said first and second IP devices.

Claim 9 (Amended). An apparatus for transmitting an IP packet between a first IP device and a second IP device via a network including a plurality of routers running a second communications protocol different from said first and second IP devices, said apparatus comprising:

means for providing said second communications protocol; and

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